

DYFED POWYS LCJB

The vision of the Dyfed Powys Criminal Justice Board (LCJB) is: To improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the criminal justice system in Dyfed Powys, including improving the experience for victims and witnesses and building confidence in the system as a whole.

GOOD NEWS STORIES

CROSS PARTNERSHIP WORKING

Board members have focussed on the cross partnership links of the LCJB priority areas - the Board now welcomes members of the Dyfed Area Planning Board and a representative of the Community Safety Partnerships. These links are proving vital in tackling issues that impact on multiple agendas. The PCC and members look forward to broadening the cross partnership working in future months.

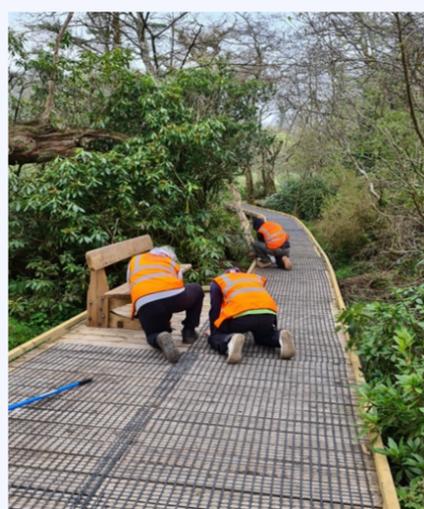
COMMUNITY PAYBACK

Current projects are being carried out at Dinefwr Park Llandeilo, St. Mary's Catholic School Llanelli, Ysgol Llwyn Yr Eos Aberystwyth, Field Studies Council Pembroke, Brecon Cathedral, Newtown Wetlands project and Help the Homeless in Builth Wells. Grass cutting, strimming, hedging and path laying is being carried out in various churches and chapels throughout Dyfed-Powys. Litter picking projects are being undertaken throughout the Dyfed-Powys area and developing links with the local councils.

Suitable individuals are in placements such as charity shops, Ail Gyfle – Second chance and the National Trust to carry out their unpaid work requirement. This has built strong working relationships with charity shops and other third sector organisations throughout the Dyfed-Powys area.

Dinefwr Park National Nature Reserve which is owned by the National Trust in Llandeilo is a project that is regularly attended in the Carmarthenshire area. We have been working groups and individual placements at this site for several years carrying out a variety of different tasks from path maintenance to painting railings.

People on probation are also encouraged to undertake Education, Training & Employment (ETE) related activities as part of their unpaid work requirement to support the development of skills required for potential future employment.



The boardwalk wooden pathway under construction in Dinefwr Park, Llandeilo.

THE DYFED-POWYS AREA IS CURRENTLY AVERAGING AROUND 950 HOURS PER WEEK WORKING IN THE COMMUNITY. THIS EQUATES TO WORKING APPROXIMATELY 80% OF THE UNPAID HOURS PRE-COVID 19.

DOMESTIC ABUSE PERPETRATOR SCHEMES AVAILABLE ACROSS DYFED POWYS

Recognition that addressing the abusive behaviours of perpetrators is fundamental in keeping victims and children safe, has been a focal point of our strategic VAWDASV work regionally.

We have aspired to ensure that this crucial work is available and delivered equally across the region, with emphasis on early intervention and prevention as a key contributor in our response to VAWDASV.

As a result of additional funding and the innovation and determination of our specialist providers, Mid and West Wales now has a regional offer of Domestic Abuse perpetrator intervention, that is accessible consistently across the region.

The current provision includes three specific programs;

- The Domestic Abuse Intervention Hub
- The Choice Programme
- The Stalking Perpetrator Pilot

We have also been successful in an award of just under £500,000 of Home Office funding, via and matched by the OPCC to support our regional approach to perpetrators of abuse. This award has bridged the gap in funding, to enable us to deliver our regional offer of perpetrator intervention and allows us to expand on the provision.

This includes investment in Break4Change and NVR training and delivery, which will support our response to Child to Parent Abuse across Mid and West Wales. It has also created a post within the Police Vulnerability Hub, which will focus on central referral options into the regional offer of perpetrator intervention.

Lastly, the bid enables us to invest in our whole-family response. We have delivered training for practitioners in Mediation specific to VAWDASV, allowing trigger issues to be managed and addressed in a supported way, while enabling couples to separate amicably. We will also be implementing a Region-wide Inspiring Families pilot, in partnership with our specialist service providers and Rockpool.

VICTIM ENGAGEMENT FORUM

Through the work of the Dyfed-Powys Victim Engagement Forum, the PCC has given victims a voice in training police officers and staff. Members of the Victim Engagement Forum were interviewed about their experiences with Dyfed-Powys Police. Each provided feedback on what went well in their case, what perhaps did not go well, advice they would give to officers dealing with a similar case to theirs, and how their experience affected their future interactions with the Force. The interviews have been brought together in to one training video which will be incorporated into Dyfed-Powys Police's training package. This will ensure that officers and staff are provided with a real-life perspective of victims' views of the policing service.

"I struggle sometimes with voicing my thoughts and feelings especially in front of others, but this whole process is helping no end. I can see that I have improved no end, after taking part in this project, and just how far I have come." - Member of the Victim Engagement Forum



NALOXONE PILOT

Naloxone is a medicine that rapidly reverses an opioid overdose. Naloxone can quickly restore normal breathing to a person if their breathing has slowed or stopped because of an opioid overdose. Importantly, Naloxone has no effect on someone who does not have opioids in their system, and it is not a treatment for opioid use disorder. Examples of opioids include heroin, fentanyl, oxycodone (OxyContin®), hydrocodone (Vicodin®), codeine, and morphine.

Naloxone should be given to any person who shows signs of an opioid overdose or when an overdose is suspected. Naloxone can be given as a nasal spray or it can be injected into the muscle, under the skin, or into the veins. When used as a nasal spray, it is known by its commercial name, Nyxoid.

The Dyfed Area Planning Board (APB) has accessed £15k from Welsh Government to increase Naloxone provision and access across Hywel Dda. Working in partnership with Dyfed Powys Police, Powys Area Planning Board, DDAS and Kaleidoscope, 45 front line police officers received training and began to carry Nyxoid whilst on response shifts from December 1st 2021. The pilot focussed on police stations in Llanelli, Pembroke Dock, Aberystwyth and, in partnership with Powys Health Board, Llandrindod Wells. Further stations will carry Naloxone in time as part of a phased roll out.

PC Gareth Rees, one of several officers across the force carrying nasal spray Nyxoid in a trial launched on Wednesday, 1 December, was called to a man in an intoxicated state shouting for help on the floor in Llanelli late at night on December 9th, 2021. By the time PC Rees arrived the man was unconscious, and his breathing was laboured. Identifying this as a sign he was suffering an overdose, PC Rees administered the spray.

“Within five to ten seconds he was conscious,” said PC Rees.

“It’s quite amazing how it works so quickly, it definitely made a difference for this man.”

The man involved has been positively dealt with and referred to Dyfed Drug and Alcohol Service (DDAS) who have been commissioned by the PCC to support Dyfed-Powys Police.

Chief Inspector Christina Fraser, who is leading the pilot, said the force had been using Naloxone within custody suites for many years but the introduction of the Nyxoid nasal spray, meant officers could easily use it whilst out on patrol.

She added: “We have trained officers on a voluntarily basis to carry and utilise Nyxoid spray as part of our first aid provision.

“We went live with the pilot on 1st December and I am pleased to report that we have been notified of its first successful use.

“It is really heartening to see the use of Nyxoid making a difference in saving peoples’ lives.

“I am extremely proud of those officers who have put themselves forward to be trained in the use of and carry Nyxoid and grateful to our partners DDAS, Kaleidoscope, Hywel Dda and Powys Health boards for their support on this trial.” -

Chief Inspector Christina Fraser

“Response officers are quite often the first on scene to an overdose and by providing them with Naloxone, they will be in a position to save lives. Numbers of drug related deaths in Hywel Dda have fallen since 2020 and we see this as another initiative to keep the data moving in the right direction.” - **Craig Jones, Dyfed APB Prevention and Population Health Improvement Strategy Manager**

SUPPORT FOR FEMALE OFFENDERS

IN NOVEMBER 2021 MEMBERS OF THE OPCC AND OUR OFFENDER DIVERSIONARY SCHEME SERVICE PROVIDERS PRESENTED DYFED POWYS' APPROACH TO SUPPORTING FEMALE OFFENDERS AT AN INFORMATION SHARING EVENT FOR LOCAL SENTENCERS.

Statistics

1158 referrals between November 2019 to August 2021

78% of these individuals engaged with the scheme

41% of the individuals taken onto the scheme were aged **18-24**

25% of those on the scheme were female

94% of those on the scheme completed their contract successfully